AGENDA

NACBS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 31, 2001 at 6:00 p.m. and Thursday, September 26, 2001
November 1, 2001 at 8:30 a.m.
Sutton Place Hotel
Toronto, Ontario

Present: Martin Wiener, Linda Levy Peck, Brian Levack, Mark Baer, Fred Leventhal, Patty Seleski

1. Approval of minutes from NACBS Executive Committee meeting of Oct 11 and 12, 2000
MSP/Levack/Baer

2. Discussion of Treasurer's Report -- a written report is on file

MSP/Levack/Wiener – motion to accept report

There was discussion of the delay in British Council money and the Executive Committee discussed the need to clarify NACBS's ongoing relationship with the Council.

3. Discussion of reports to be presented to the Council:

a. *JBS* editor's report – a written report is on file

b. *JBS* Marketing and Circulation report – a written report is on file

Committee discussed various strategies designed to identify members and follow up on lapsed memberships, as well as continuing issue concerning desirability that Program presenters be NACBS members and a more compulsory orientation.

The Committee was joined by Julie Noblitt, who reported: over 2/3s of members take *JBS* – question of how those members who are not *JBS* subscribers know to renew their members if membership year and *JBS* subscription year are made the same – UCP has e-mail address for about 76% of members and for those 'members only' for whom there is an e-mail address on file, they can be contacted by e-mail about renewal.

The Exec committee had issues to discuss with Julie Noblitt, University of Chicago Press – 1) relationship with JBS is perfect; however, membership support is another issue – we love the directory, JSTOR, website – but the problems come down to monitoring membership (UCP can give a lapsed membership list annually; will provide e-mail addresses to all members – Ella Reed); there is an e-mail list that can be used to get in touch with those members and UCP can set up a list-serv.

2) Question of our contract with UCP – the Exec was unsure of the existence of a contract with UCP and of its details. JN reported that NACBS does have a contract with

the University of Chicago Press and will make copies for circulation to Exec Comm members

3) getting regular information on membership – we currently have specified a quarterly membership report, however we aren't getting it. The issue is less how frequently the reports come, but that they come when they are expected. JN reported that UCP could do monthly reports, but Exec continued to stress that the issue is consistency not frequency.

Chicago will: hard copy of all members to Marty
Set of labels of lapsed w/o e-mail to Patty
e-mails of lapsed to Patty
list of all lapsed to all exec
listserv to Marty & Patty
Patricia Scarry will give quarterly, specified date reports to Marc
Update e-mail list

Institutional circulation issue: now can track subs to overseas institutions which are mailed to US addresses then reshipped to overseas postal services – used to look like they were US subscriptions

Lapsed members survey – will send as of now to lapsed journal subscribers – will be sent on-line to people with e-mail; by post to non e-mail folks.

c. *Albion* report: ***MSP/Wiener/Leventhal*** -- reiterate that all mailings regarding NACBS need to be first seen and signed off on by Executive Committee. Will raise question of $1300 of promotion money.

d. *British Studies Intelligencer* report; future of *BSI* – a written report is on file. ***MSP/Leventhal/Levack*** – to end paper edition of *BSI* with the next volume.

e. Program Committee: issue of expanding book exhibit will be raised with the Council; will continue to monitor the level of membership on the program; will look to expanding the number of pedagogical sections if possible. & discussion of Irish/Scottish panels, etc. ***MSP Baer/Wiener***—to support Program Chair's request for funds.

f. Survey of faculty at teaching colleges – A written report is on file.

The Executive Committee supported the following recommendations contained in the report: 1) the suggestion that *Albion* consider publish more 'state of the field' articles on various pedagogical issues in British Studies; 2) the recommendation that pedagogical panels be encouraged on the annual NACBS program; 3) the recommendation to establish a 'syllabus bank' on the NACBS website. The Executive Committee were unable to support the recommendation that would guarantee Council membership from an undergraduate teaching institution, although it did concur that recruitment of faculty from undergraduate teaching institutions to leadership positions in NACBS or on NACBS committees should be encouraged.

g. Web report : talk about functions of *BSI* that need to be maintained on the web-site & Peter and Laura will discuss this – fall out either that he will hire an assistant; or have a co-webmaster.

4. *JBS* electronic edition:

JBS electronic edition issue: advantages – searchability, linking, authors' e-mail addresses; most users in humanities will print out longer articles, not for reading on-line. No plans to cease printing the hard copies.

MSP/Levack/Baer -- to endorse electronic edition; & start with July 2002. & will bring & recommend to the Council.

5. Discussion of Future Meetings

2002 – Holiday Inn, Harbor Front
2003 – Portland, Marriott
2004 – Philadelphia, Sheraton

2004 – meeting with RHS – discussion deferred

6. Announcement of Election Results. Levack announced the following:

For Vice-President: Cynthia Herrup (Duke University)
For the Council: Philippa Levine (University of Southern California)
For the Nominating Committee, Seat 1: Rachel Weil (Cornell University)
For the Nominating Committee, Seat 2: Ben McRee (Franklin and Marshall College)

There was further discussion of issues related to the Nominating Committee.

MSP/Wiener/Leventhal – Amend Executive Secretary's instructions to the Chair of the Nominating Committee to include the following: "All persons nominated for positions in NACBS (elected or appointed) must be members of NACBS."

7. Announcement of prize and fellowship recipients:

John Ben Snow Foundation Prize: Keith Wrightson (Department of History, Yale University), *Earthly Necessities: Economic Lives in Early Modern Britain* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2000).

British Council Prize: Ina Zweiniger-Bargielowska (Department of History, University of Illinois at Chicago), *Austerity in Britain: Rationing, Controls, and Consumption 1939-1955* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2000).

Honorable Mention: Erika Diane Rappaport (Department of History, University of California at Santa Barbara), *Shopping for Pleasure: Women in the Making of London's West End* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2000).

Walter D. Love Prize: Peter H. Hansen (Department of Humanities and Arts, Worcester Polytechnic Institute), "Confetti of Empire: The Conquest of Everest in Nepal, India, Britain, and New Zealand," *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, 42, 2 (April, 2000): 307-322.

NACBS Dissertation Year Fellowship: *Michelle Wolfe, Department of History, Ohio State University," 'The House of Levi Apart and Their Wives Apart": The Social Transformation of Clerical Wives in Post-Reformation England, 1560-1700"*

Runner-Up: Arianne Chernock, Department of History, University of California, Berkeley,
"'Intellect Admits of No Sexual Distinction': Men in British Feminism, 1789-1832"

NACBS-Huntington Fellowship:

Robin Hermann, Department of History, Washington University, "The Crisis of Coin in Early Modern England"

8. Formal ceding of NACBS archives to George Washington University Library
MSP/Leventhal/Baer – to formally cede the archives

9. IHR memberships

Levack reportred no response from Robin MacPherson, IHR, on the question of IHR memberships. Exec. Comm talked about a method of distributing the 10 individual memberships under NACBS control.

MSP/Levack/Wiener – preference should got to faculty from 1) non-member institutions, 2) non-Ph.D. granting institutions and that faculty should be NACBS members. These faculty should send requests to Exec Sec (with title of project) by April first. The Exec Sec will forward names/institutions to IHR director

10. Exec Comm discussed ways of soliciting replacements for Treasurer and Associate Exec Secretary positions

11. Agreed to approve brochure by next meeting, January 5 at AHA; Brian will edit and redesign

Meeting at AHA – Saturday @ 8:30 at St. Francis.